

Goose Creek Meeting House Roof Replacement

Statement of Justification

History of the meeting house

The first Quakers settled in Lincoln, then known as Goose Creek, sometime in the early part of 1760. A log meeting house was constructed soon afterward and was out grown by 1765. The stone Meeting house was then constructed and seems to have served well for the next 50 years. Goose Creek had the largest community of Quakers in the commonwealth, so in 1817 the brick meeting house was constructed. Completely different from the structure that we know now, the original was a large two story structure, which allowed for a balcony around the interior of the building, which housed class rooms on each gable end.

In the spring of 1945 a storm with high winds collapsed the entire second story of the structure. The building was reconstructed as it appears today. In 1985 the east addition was added.

Proposed exterior changes

The current roofing material will be removed from the north and south roof slopes.

Reasons for the proposed changes

The roof system has an interior guttering system, and currently the gutter is leaking in several locations. The gutter can only be repaired by completely removing the roofing around the gutter system. The north roof has the original roofing material, which is very brittle, and has been in place since 1947. This roof has several areas that are leaking and the Meeting has elected to completely repair the gutter system and roof. It was also elected to replace the asphalt shingles on the south roof that was installed in 1981.

Appropriateness of the proposed changes

It seems that a standing seam metal roof would be the correct choice for roofing materials. The addition constructed in 1985 had a metal roof installed. The Oakdale School, on the Friends property, has a standing seam roof as well as the adjacent Janney store.

The material will be pre-painted metal. Having pans that are 17 inches, the addition pans are 17 inches. The joints will be double locked with 1 inch seams. There are several areas of the exterior trim that will need to be removed and replaced as well. This will be completed with Heart Pine and match the existing in placement and profiles.

The gutter will be reconstructed as the original with copper. The down spouts will be copper as well.